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1. The Cold Works have exhausted their supplies of steel for cutting tools. No more supplies are arriving from Yugoslavia. The works can now only deliver steel alloys up to 1.6% as against demands for 12-13%. 50X1-HUM
2. The Polysius Works in Dessau had to refuse two orders for complete cement factory installations placed by Bulgaria. The reasons is the lack of raw material. 50X1-HUM
3. The VEB Loba, Bautzen, is short of fine section-irons and sheets. All other East German railroad car factories have similar shortages, particularly as regards construction of railroad passenger cars. An East German delegation including the director of the Dessauer Waggonfabrik is at present in Moscow trying to solve this problem.
4. The construction of electrical motors in Eastern Germany is badly affected by a shortage of compound substance and also Mikanit products.
5. The Hennigsdorf steel works cannot find a market for its track moving machine. Because of a lack of capital available for investment in the East German industry. The same is the case with most other manufacturers of heavy machinery.

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